

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 12-17 are pending in the above application. By the above amendment, claims 7-11 have been cancelled.

The Office Action dated May 26, 2006, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action, claims 7-11 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Woodworth. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 and examination and allowance of claims 12-17 is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Woodworth. By the above amendment, claim 1 has been revised to require that the first pitch correspond to the pitch of a surface mount type electronic device (such as, for example, a SOP device) and that the second pitch correspond to a pitch of a through hole type electronic device (such as, for example, a DIP device). It is respectfully submitted that first and second leads having such pitches are not shown or suggested by the references of record, and that claim 1 therefore is allowable over Woodworth and the other references of record.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. In addition, claim 2 requires that at least either of the first leads or the second leads have their thickness reduced. Woodworth and the other references of record do not show first or second leads with reduced thickness as required by claim 2, and claim 2 is therefore submitted to further distinguish over the references of record.

Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

New claim 12 is also submitted to be allowable over the references of record. Claim 12 requires a plurality of parallel first leads having a first thickness and a first pitch and a plurality of parallel second leads having a second thickness less than the first thickness and a second pitch different than the first pitch. Claim 12 also requires that the first pitch correspond to the pitch of a surface mount type device and that the second pitch correspond to the pitch of a through hole mount type device. First and second parallel sets of lead having different thicknesses and pitches

as claimed are not shown or suggested by the art of record, and claim 12 is submitted to be allowable over the art of record for at least this reason.

Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 12.

Claim 15 defines first and second parallel sets of leads having different thicknesses and pitches and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons provided above in connection with claims 1 and 12.

Claims 16 and 17 depend from claim 15 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 15.

CONCLUSION

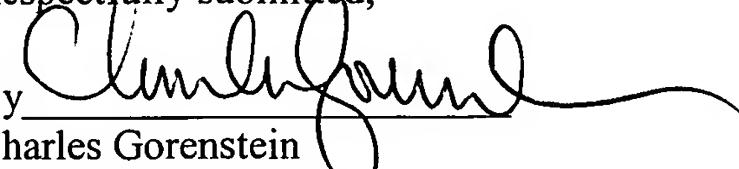
Each issue raised in the Office Action dated May 24, 2006, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 12-17 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 and examination and allowance of claims 12-17 is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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